

REMARKS

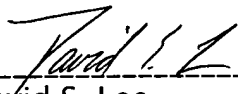
Favorable consideration of originally submitted Claims 1, 2, 5-15, 18-22, 25-30, and newly submitted Claims 31 and 32 is respectfully requested. By this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 3, 4, 16, 17, and 23 - 25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

More particularly, in view of the pre-examination search initiated by the Applicant, results of which are provided in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement, further to the accompanying Petition To Make Special, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable issuance of a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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